

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service

《Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy》

【Entrance Part】

- Prelude (Silent Prayer)
“Praise the Lord”
(Hymn No. 149, Book 21)
Composed by Shinichi Takami
- Greeting
- Hymn 21-50
- Opening Prayer
- Reading Psalms: Psalm 147:10-18

【Worship of the Word】

- Scripture Takaaki Inoue
 - ✚ Isaiah 57:15-19
 - ✚ Matthew 5:1-16
- Response Hymns 21-46
- Lecture Pastor Takaaki Inoue
“What Is True Happiness?”
- Apostles' Creed

【Communion Worship】

- Consecration Hymns 21-72
- Church Prayer (Litany)
- Peace Greetings
- Hymns 21-83
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Supper

【Response, Dispatch, and Blessing】

- Hymn 21-132
- Offering of Thanksgiving
- Hymns of Glory Hymns 21-24
- Words of Dispatch
- Prayer of Blessing Takaaki Inoue
- Aftermath (Silent Prayer)
“A Wild Deer in a Dry Valley”
(Hymn No. 132, Book 21)
Composed by Iko Kitazawa

【Today's Worship Service】

- Assistant Presider: Ritsuko Terada
- Musician : Sachie Shikano
- Offering Collector : Takako Matsumoto
- Receptionist : Kotaro Hata

【Today's schedule】

- ◇ Church school (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Mariko Inoue
- ◇ Hymn Practice (after the service)
- ◇ Joint Prayer Meeting (after the service)
- ◇ Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (after the service)

【Information on this week's church meetings】

- ◇ Morning Prayer
 - July 21 (Tue) at 8:30 a.m.
 - July 22 (Wed) at 9:00 a.m.
 - July 24 (Fri) at 9:00 a.m.
- ◇ English Conversation Group
 - No class today.

【Information on next Sunday】

- ◇ Church School Service (9:30 a.m.)
 - Talk : Mayumi Sawada
- ◇ Sunday Morning Service
July 26 (10:30 a.m.)

- Scripture
 - ✚ 1 Corinthians 12:14-26
 - ✚ Mark 9:33-37
- Sermon: Pastor Marie Tone
“The Little Christ I Met”
- Hymn 21 416, 46, 344
- Reading Psalms : Psalm 148:5-13
- Assistant Presider: Masato Sawada
- Musician : Masako Iida
- Offering Collector: Kenichi Yamachiyo
 - Receptionist: Hideo Okumiya
- ◇ Hymn Practice (after the service)
- ◇ Joint Prayer Meeting (after the service)

Scripture

“Blessed are the poor in spirit.
The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.”

(Matthew 5:3)

【Reports and personal disappearances】

- ① “Pastor Inoue's schedule for this week” : Tuesday, the 21st, at 10:00 a.m.: “Workshop on Mental Health”; Thursday, the 23rd, at 3:30 p.m.: “Complaints Handling Committee (Omiya Daycare Center)”
- ② 《Church Events Schedule for July-August》
 - Tuesday, July 21, 10:00 a.m. “Study Group on Mental Health”
 - Sunday, July 26: Rev. Inoue will preach at Senboku New Town Church. Rev. Marie Tone will preach at Miyakojima Church.
 - August 2 (Sun): “Summer Festival” after the service
 - August 9 (Sun): 10:30 a.m. “Memorial Service for the Deceased” ; “Evangelism Committee” meeting after the service
 - August 23 (Sun): Pastor Inoue will preach at Senboku New Town Church. Pastor Marie Tone will preach at Miyakojima Church.
- ③ Let's make our special summer offerings. Our goal is 150,000 yen.
- ④ On Sunday, August 2, following the worship service, we will hold a “Summer Party” that will also serve as a farewell gathering for Ritsuko Terada. There is no admission fee. We hope you will join us.
- ⑤ 【Last week's meeting statistics】

day	meeting	boy	girl	adult	total	Donation
12	Church school	—	1	6	7	¥1,850
	meeting	male	female	child	total	Donation
12	Morning Service	9	17	3	29	¥15,831
14	Morning praye	1	2	—	3	
15	Morning praye	3	2	—	5	
17	Morning praye	3	4	—	7	

- ⑥ 【Donation Report for July 12】
[Monthly] Nobuaki Kimoto, Kotaro Hata, Kiyoshi Ueno, Hideko Ueno (Total: 17,000 yen) [Appreciation] Kiyoshi Ueno, Emiko Sakaguchi, Mieko Wanaka (Total: 25,000 yen) [Architecture] Kotaro Hata (Total: 5,000 yen) [Summer Special] Kotaro Hata, Akemi Hishida (Total: 10,000 yen)

【Continuation of last week's sermon summary】

④ 【Only Through Christ Do People Become Children of God】 “For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” (Galatians 3:26-27) Through baptism, we have been united with Christ and have become one with Him. I have become part of the body of Christ. This is true not only for me, but for people of every nation, both men and women alike. By being united with Christ, we become entirely new people—children of God. In the past, people of any nation could become Jews by following Jewish customs, but we become Christians through baptism. Paul is thoroughly Christ-centered. Whether or not we are united with Christ is the key to salvation. Margaret Thatcher, the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, once said the following:

“Watch your thoughts, for they will one day become words. Watch your words, for they will one day become actions. Watch your actions, for they will one day become habits. Watch your habits, for they will one day become your character. Watch your character, for it will one day become your destiny.” What you believe in your heart is reflected in your words and actions, which then shape your character and ultimately even determine your destiny. If Christ always dwells at the center of your heart, it will be reflected in your words and actions; eventually, this will become a habit, shape your character, and determine your destiny. This reminds me of the words of the Psalms: “Blessed is the one who delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.” (Psalm 1:2-3) Let us firmly dwell with Christ within our hearts. I pray that Christ will govern our words and actions.